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HAPLOPAPPUS ABERRANS **IDAHO GOLDEN-WEED**

Idaho Golden-weed is a perennial with several slender stems that are 5-25 cm high and arising from a branched rootcrown. The basal leaves are up to 10 cm long and have sharply toothed margins, while the upper leaves are sessile and narrower. Foliage is glandular-hairy. 1 to a few short-stalked flower heads are borne in the axils of the uppermost reduced leaves, or bracts. Each head has 3-4 series of narrow, green-tipped, overlapping, glandular involucral bracts that are up to 1 cm high. There are 25-50 reddish-yellow disk flowers that are 6-8 mm long, and ray flowers are lacking. The elongate achenes are topped by numerous, dingy white pappus bristles of unequal length. Flowering July-August.

HAPLOPAPPUS CARTHAMOIDES also has sharply toothed leaves and lacks ray flowers, but its involucral bracts are 15-30 mm high. A hand lens and technical key are needed for positive identification.